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**Russell Museum
auction nets
\$1.3 million**

Michael Duchemin, executive director of the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, recently announced an anonymous contribution of \$575,000 that enabled the museum to purchase two Charles M. Russell watercolor paintings. These two pieces appeared in The Russell Live Auction on March 21, and have been added to the museum's permanent collection.

"Cowboy on a Bay Horse," c. 1895, is one of more than two-dozen known equestrian portraits Russell produced of individual range riders during his career. "An Indian War Party," 1902, was created during the heyday of the artist's production.

Duchemin also announced the official net results from The Russell: An Exhibition and Sale to Benefit the C.M. Russell Museum, which took place March 19-21. The signature fundraiser netted \$1,306,000 for the non-profit museum, including \$85,400 raised through the Pass the Hat Education campaign.

All the money raised by The Russell goes toward the C.M. Russell Museum's education outreach, collection preservation, and approximately \$2.5 million annual operating budget.

For more information, visit www.cm russell.org.

ARTS CALENDAR, JULY/AUGUST

Trout Creek

August 20
"Cyrano de Bergerac" - 6 p.m., Trout Creek Park, 406-994-3901

Troy

July 5
Art and Crafts Fair - 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Yaak School, 406-295-9311
July 17-18
River Jam! Music Festival 2015 - Yaak River Tavern, 406-295-4706

Vaughn

July 26, August 23
Old-Time Fiddlers' Jam - 1-5 p.m., Big Horn Bar and Grill, 406-467-2866

Virgelle

July 12
Outdoor Antique Flea Market - 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Virgelle Mercantile, 800-426-2926

Virginia City

July 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-26, 28-August 2, 4-9, 11-16, 18-23
Ghost Walk Tour - 9 p.m., Bale of Hay Saloon, 406-843-5700
July 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-26
"The Blundering Herd" - Virginia City Opera House, 800-829-2969 ext. 2
July 1-August 30
The Brewery Follies - H.S. Gilbert Brewery, 800-829-2969, ext. 3
July 5
Ella Irvine Mountjoy Piano Recital with Addison Oliver - 2 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5507
July 8
"Montana Literary Connections: Linderman, Merriam, Guthrie" - 6-7 p.m., Frank Linderman Cabin at Robbers Roost, 406-243-6022
July 28-August 2, August 4-9, 11-16, 18-23
"The Phantom of the Opera" - Virginia City Opera House, 800-829-2969 ext. 2

July 31

Growling Old Men - 7 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5507
August 7-9
Virginia City Art Show - Downtown Virginia City, 406-843-5555
August 15
A Step Back in Time: The Grand Victorian Ball of Peace 1865 - 7 p.m., Virginia City Community Hall, 406-660-1453
Willson and McKee - 7 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5507



The Brewery Follies keep the laughs coming through Sept. 26 at the Gilbert Brewery in Virginia City.

August 25-30

"Box and Cox" - Virginia City Opera House, 800-829-2969 ext. 2
July 3-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, August 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30
Living History Weekends - Nevada City Museum, Montana Heritage Commission, 406-843-5247

West Glacier

July 4
Brent Jameson - 7 p.m., Belton Chalet, 406-888-5000

West Yellowstone

July 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27-August 1, August 3-8, 10-15, 17-22, 24-29, 31

Playmill Theatre Season - Playmill Theatre, 406-646-7757

July 18

Heritage Celebration: "Stagecoaching through Yellowstone" - 5 p.m., Union Pacific Dining Lodge, 406-646-7461

July 31-August 9

Smoking Waters Mountain Man Rendezvous - 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Old Airport, 406-646-7931

August 1

"Cyrano de Bergerac" - 6 p.m., Pioneer Park, 406-994-3901

White Sulphur Springs

July 23-26

Red Ants Pants Music Festival - Jackson Ranch, 406-698-3150

Whitefish

July 2, August 6

Gallery Night - 6-9 p.m., Downtown Whitefish, 406-862-3501

July 4-5

Stumptown Quilters' Society Quilt Show: "Everything Old Is New Again" - Whitefish Middle School Gym, 406-261-4855

July 9, 11, 17, 22, 25, 30

"Chicago" - 8 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Alpine Theatre Project, 406-862-7469

July 10, 15, 21, 24, 29, August 1

Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash - 8 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Alpine Theatre Project, 406-862-7469

July 16, 18, 23, 28, 30

"Big Fish" - 8 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Alpine Theatre Project, 406-862-7469

July 28-August 1, August 5-8

"Always ... Patsy Cline" - Whitefish Theatre Company, 406-862-5371

August 3-9

Festival Amadeus - 7:30 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, 406-407-7000

Wolf Point

July 3

"Cyrano de Bergerac" - 6:30 p.m., Faith Home Park, 406-994-3901

July 8-11

Wolf Point Centennial - Downtown Wolf Point, 406-653-2012

Woods Bay

July 11

BassBoat Featuring Bird of Prey - 5 p.m., The Raven, 406-837-2836

SUMMER FESTIVAL GUIDE (FROM PAGE 11)

Symes Hot Springs Blues Festival:

July 24-25 at the Symes Hotel in Hot Springs. The sixth annual event features true blues by David Ricci, Three-Eared Dog, John Kelley, Zeppo Blues, Mike Bader and Mudslide Charley (406-741-2361 or symeshotsprings.com).

Festival Amadeus: Aug. 3-9 at the Whitefish Performing Arts Center. Music Director John Zoltek promises "A Week of Mozart and Beyond" with acclaimed guest soloists and the Festival Amadeus Orchestra. The chamber series includes performances by the Brasil Guitar Duo, Aug. 3; the Fry Street Quartet with Andrew Staupe, Aug. 4; and saxophonist Ashu, violinist Yevgeny Kutik and pianist Spencer Myer, Aug. 6. The festival orchestra performs Aug. 5, 8 and 9; and the Festival Amadeus String Orchestra joins the Fry Street Quartet Aug. 7. Many of the guest artists also perform in Bigfork Aug. 4-6 (406-407-7000 or www.gscmusic.org).

Riverfront Blues Festival: Aug. 7-8 at Riverfront Park in Libby. Blues bash features Three Eared Dog, the Stacy Jones Band, the Lionel Young Band, singer/songwriters Randy McAllister and James Armstrong, the Suze Sims Band, Kevin Van Dort, and the Dennis Jones Band (406-293-5900 or visit www.riverfrontbluesfestival.com).

Flathead Lake Blues Festival:

Aug. 14-15 at Salish Point in Polson. Back for its fifth year, this year's event features seven blues acts from across the country. Area favorites The Kenny James Miller Band and Gladys Friday share the stage with the Robbie Laws Band, Lionel Young Band, Levee Town, the Rafael Tranquilino Band, and Kevin Selfe and the Tornados (406-471-2144 or www.flatheadlakebluesfestival.com).

Crown Guitar Festival: Aug. 30-Sept. 5 at Flathead Lake Lodge in Bigfork. Billed as "Seven Nights of Guitars and Stars," the annual festival kicks off Sunday with the Los Angeles Guitar



Festival Amadeus: Ashu

Quartet and blues prodigy "King" Solomon Hicks; Monday brings Steely Dan guitarist Jon Herington and friends, with Madeleine Peyroux; jazz legend Lee Ritenour and friends join composer/pianist Dave Grusin on Tuesday's bill; "Wild Child" Brett Dennen and friends perform Wednesday with bluesman David Grissom;

Dweezil Zappa pays homage to his famous father Thursday in Zappa Plays Zappa, with Romero Lubambo opening. Students offer a free concert Friday, and Saturday brings the Amazing Finale Extravaganza (855-855-5900 or www.crownguitarfest.org).

Missoula & Western Montana

Montana Baroque Music Festival: July 21-23 at Quinn's Hot Springs near Paradise. The 12th annual festival showcases national and international players of baroque music and instruments, with a different program nightly (406-826-3600 or www.montanabaroquefestival.org).

Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival: July 24-26 at 163 Forest Hill Road in Hamilton. Celebrate the sounds of traditional bluegrass music with 11 bands, the Pioneers in Montana Bluegrass concert, a Kids in Bluegrass performance, bluegrass gospel, and lots of jamming (406-821-3777 or hardtimesbluegrass.com).

Celtic Festival Missoula: July 24-25 at Caras Park. Tribute to Irish influences includes performances by the Screaming Orphans and The Tossers, the Young Dubliners, and regional musicians and dancers (406-239-0105 or celticfestivalmissoula.com).

Big Sky Rhythm and Blues Festival:

July 31-Aug. 2 along the Clark Fork River in Noxon. Nine bands fuel this festival, including Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method, Nick Vigarino, the Hank Shreve Band, Robin Barrett and the Coyote Kings, the Randy Oxford Band, the Rafael Tranquilino Band, Austin Young and No Difference, the Kenny James Miller Band and Ayron Jones and the Way (406-827-4210 or bigskyblues.com).

River City Roots Fest: Aug. 28-29 in downtown Missoula. In celebration of the festival's 10th anniversary, the Music on Main Stage features the best bands from previous festivals, including the Dead Winter Carpenters, Amanda Shaw, Clinton Fearon and the Boogie Brown Band, Goose Creek Symphony, Hot Buttered Rum and the Acoustic Syndicate (406-543-4238 or missouladowntown.com).



Riverfront Blues and Flathead Lake Blues Festival : The Lionel Young Band